

## City of Chicopee, Massachusetts License Commission

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Minutes for September 18, 2008

In attendance: Chairman Pagel, Commissioners Goulette, Borowiec, Grise and Beaulieu. Also Atty. Rooke was present.

Minutes for August are presented to the Board. Commissioner Beaulieu made a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Falls Polish Home hearing. In attendance: Elaine Dowd and Rudy Lysick. This establishment has requested a chance to speak to the Board concerning the recent modification of the entertainment license. Ms. Dowd informs the Board that there is considerable expense in hiring police details for their functions. She is requesting that they only have detail officers for the last four hours of the function. Chairman Pagel states that there is considerable concern with the safety of the public at these functions and that we have several police reports and testimony from a police officer that it is mass chaos on these nights. He also states that with only one person from the bar there and no other security present, there is no possible way to control a crowd of any size without the presence of the police detail. Mr. Lysick states that with the fee for the police details and their expenses associated with a function that they are actually losing money. He also questions if they are the only establishment in the city that has this restriction. Attorney Rooke points out that this Board is only interested in the security of the patrons and the city. Chairman Pagel informs him that other establishments have had restrictions placed on their licenses as well. They are not the first and they will not be the last. Public and patron safety are a priority for this Commission. Commissioner Grise states that a business that is faced with in an increase in expenses should pass some of these costs on to the customer. This would include raising the rental fee. Ms. Dowd states that she has spoken to a banquet facility in Springfield that is allowed to hire private security and wonders if that would be possible for them to do the same. She was informed that the Springfield License Commission has allowed this to occur. Attorney Rooke states that he very familiar with the Springfield License Commission and to his knowledge they have never allowed this to occur. Chairman Pagel states that at this time it is not an option but if they had done this previously the restrictions might not have been placed on this license. Ms. Dowd asks how long before this Commission would review the restrictions again. Chairman Pagel said in six months it can be reviewed. Until that time the police details are still required when the banquet facility is used.

Application for an additional Automatic Amusement (1 Tic Tac Fruit) for VFW, 374 Front St with Pat Langelier as manager. Commissioner Borowiec makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Goulette seconds. Motion approved 4-1. Commissioner Beaulieu opposes.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit (Wine & Malt) for St. Stanislaus, 534 Front St for the Annual Bazaar to be held on Saturday October 18 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM and Sunday October 19 from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM with Father Michael Zielke as applicant. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve and waive the fee. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Common Victualer for Quizno's Sub #12490, 1408 Memorial Dr with Brenda Turgeon as manager (new owner). Commissioner Goulette makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

## Late Files

Application for a Common Victualer for Soups Cafe, 8 Center St with William Campbell as manager (new). Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit for Days Inn, 450 Memorial Dr for the 2008 Tow Show Oktoberfest to be held on the following dates with Sandra Hofstetter as applicant:

Friday, October 17 8:00 AM -10:00 PM (Beer Garden),

Saturday October 18 12Noon-4:00 PM (Beer Garden)

Saturday October 18 4:00 PM -10:00 PM (All Alcohol Bar under the tent for catered dinner)

Sunday, October 19 12 Noon -4:00 PM (Beer Garden)

There will be a pop up booth set up and the area will be enclosed by a temporary fence.

Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit (Wine & Malt) for Patti's Four-Ten, 32 Quincy Ave for Oktoberfest to be held on October 25, 2008 from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM with Patricia Bousquet as applicant. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Borowiec seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit(Wine & Malt) for My Brother's Place,185 Grove St for a Customer Appreciation Day on September 27,2008 from 12 Noon until 10:00 PM (Rain date October 4,2008) with Fred Wojcik as applicant. (An area in the parking lot will be cordoned off and monitored). Commissioner Borowiec makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Filing Fees are read into the record by Commissioner Grise.